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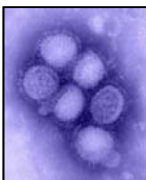
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◆ H1N1 Influenza - Agency News and Updates:

On August 11, NASA Chief Health and Medical Officer (CHMO) Dr. Richard Williams hosted a ViTS focused on the H1N1 influenza. In response to the H1N1 influenza outbreak, the NASA CHMO also released a memo to the NASA workforce. From the [NASA OH Homepage](#) a series of past [H1N1 presentations](#) and NASA's [Pandemic Plan](#) can be found.

For these communications and other CHMO generated H1N1 influenza documents visit the [OCHMO Communications](#) area of the website. This information is designed to help keep NASA OH professionals better prepared for H1N1 especially as the flu season approaches.



◆ Mayo Clinic *EmbodyHealth* 2009:

The engagement data reflects employee participation including JSC's (4,819 out of 6,717).

6,717 Total Health Assessments completed

1,876 Civil Service Employees

4,525 Contract Employees

316 Other, Spouse, Children

To keep abreast of your Center's health profile and engagement data visit the [Mayo Clinic Report Suite](#). Contact [Mae Hafizi](#) for the user name and password.



◆ **2009 *HealthierYou* Update:** The enrollment period for the Walk to Wellness (WTW) Campaign began on August 18th. To date, 342 employees have enrolled. With the enrollment period ending on August 31st we hope to have doubled or tripled the enrollment. The 28-day WTW Campaign spans from September 1 – 28, 2009. Any Center with >150 enrollees will receive Center-specific data.

◆ **2010 *HealthierYou* Update:** The 2010 *HealthierYou* Calendar is in its final stages of review and design. We hope to distribute the calendars by mid to late October. The 2010 Calendar is a tribute to the NASA Shuttle Fleet and the NASA workforce who have worked diligently to ensure the many successful missions.



◆ **EHRs Project Update:** The EHRs roll out has been delayed pending resolution of several IT Security issues and a final decision regarding the hosting location. During this delay the EHRs Project Implementation Team has continued to work on Medical and Industrial Hygiene configuration for LaRC and GRC, and will soon start initial configuration for WFF. A revised rollout schedule will be provided after final resolution of the security issues. The NASA Clinical Workflow Documentation and photos from the Medgate Training at Stennis Space Center are available on the [EHRs page](#) of the NASA OH Website. Thanks for all your help with configuration as we move closer to implementation at the first Centers!

◆ JPL Health and Safety Staff Receive Award:

On June 9, a Group Achievement Award was given to the Institutional Facility Operations Assessment Team, for outstanding NASA Safety and Mission Assurance third party self assessment support to the JPL NASA Management Office of the Madrid (Spain) Deep Space Communications Complex. Carolyn Chester is pictured receiving the NASA Honor Award from Dr. Charles Elachi, JPL Director and Dr. Edward Weiler, Associate Administrator for the Science Mission Directorate Administrator.



◆ **OSHA Has New Nominee for Chief:** On July 28, President Obama announced that he intended to nominate Dr. David Michaels as the Assistant Secretary of Labor for [Occupational Safety and Health](#). Dr. Michaels is currently a Research Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. As a professor and epidemiologist, Dr. Michaels has examined the use of science in public policy and has conducted epidemiological studies on typographers, commercial pressmen, construction workers, bus drivers, and paper workers. Regarding Michael's confirmation there is no word on when the Senate may consider the nomination. Most insiders do not believe it will take place prior to mid-October.



◆ **Welcome to the New Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Intern at Dryden:** The much anticipated new EAP intern, Pearl McGee-Vincent, arrived at Dryden on July 6. Although she has proven that she cannot tell the difference between a 747 and a space shuttle, clinically she is sharp as a tack. Pearl attends John F. Kennedy University where she nears completion of her PhD. Prior to Dryden, Pearl worked in a Veterans Administration hospital, an inpatient facility, and in a community mental health clinic in her home town of San Francisco. Based on OCHMO's conversations with Pearl, we already know that she is going to be a significant asset to Dryden's Employee Assistance Program.

◆ **Laser Training:** OCHMO will sponsor 8-hours of refresher training for Laser Safety Officers and others with a need for advanced laser safety training in a WebEx environment 31-August through 3-September in 2-hour segments from 1PM-3PM (ET) each day. Contact [Kurt Geber](#) with any questions.



◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Environmental Health – September 9, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- Health Promotion – September 10, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- Occupational Medicine – September 10, 12:30-1:30 EDT

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